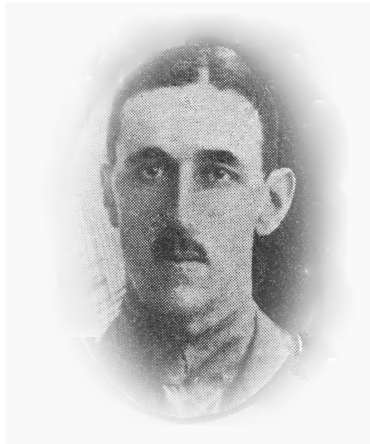


**MATTERS. Sir Reginald Francis**  
**1892-1975**  
**Kt. MBBS, MD, MS, FRCSE, FRACS,**  
**FRCOG**



Sir Reginald Francis Matters was born on 23 July 1892 at Malvern, South Australia. He was the son of Thomas James Matters and Jane Waterhouse of Unley Park. He was educated at Prince Alfred College, Adelaide.

Prior to World War 1 Matters served with the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Service in South Australia from 1904 to 1912 and then with the 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry in Sydney from 1913 to 1914. He was awarded the Bachelor of Medicine at Sydney University and enlisted in the AIF as a Captain and medical officer on 28<sup>th</sup> January 1918. On enlistment he was described as a Methodist, 30 years of age, 6ft ½ in tall, weighing 175lbs with a dark complexion, brown eyes and black hair. He embarked on the HMAT Osterley on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1918 for France via Folkstone, England. He was originally posted to the 3 AGH 11<sup>th</sup> September 1918 but was then immediately reposted to 11 Fd Amb on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 1918. He was wounded in action on 29<sup>th</sup> September 1918 and discharged back to duty on 7<sup>th</sup> November 1918. The extent of his injuries and the cause is not recorded. He returned to Australia on 30<sup>th</sup> November 1919. He was issued the 1914/15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

After the war Sir Reginald married Elbe aged 26 years from Burwood New South Wales. He subsequently became a noted obstetrician and gynaecologist in Adelaide. He has several interests and was a member of two anthropological expeditions to Central Australia studying the metabolism of nomadic Aboriginal people. During World War Two he served the

Royal Australian Navy as a Surgeon Commander. After the war he became the President of the Navy League of South Australia and of the Naval Officers Association and led the naval contingent in the Anzac Day March in Adelaide each year. On the 10<sup>th</sup> June 1961 he was awarded a Knight Bachelor for his service to medicine. He died on 14<sup>th</sup> October 1975.

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